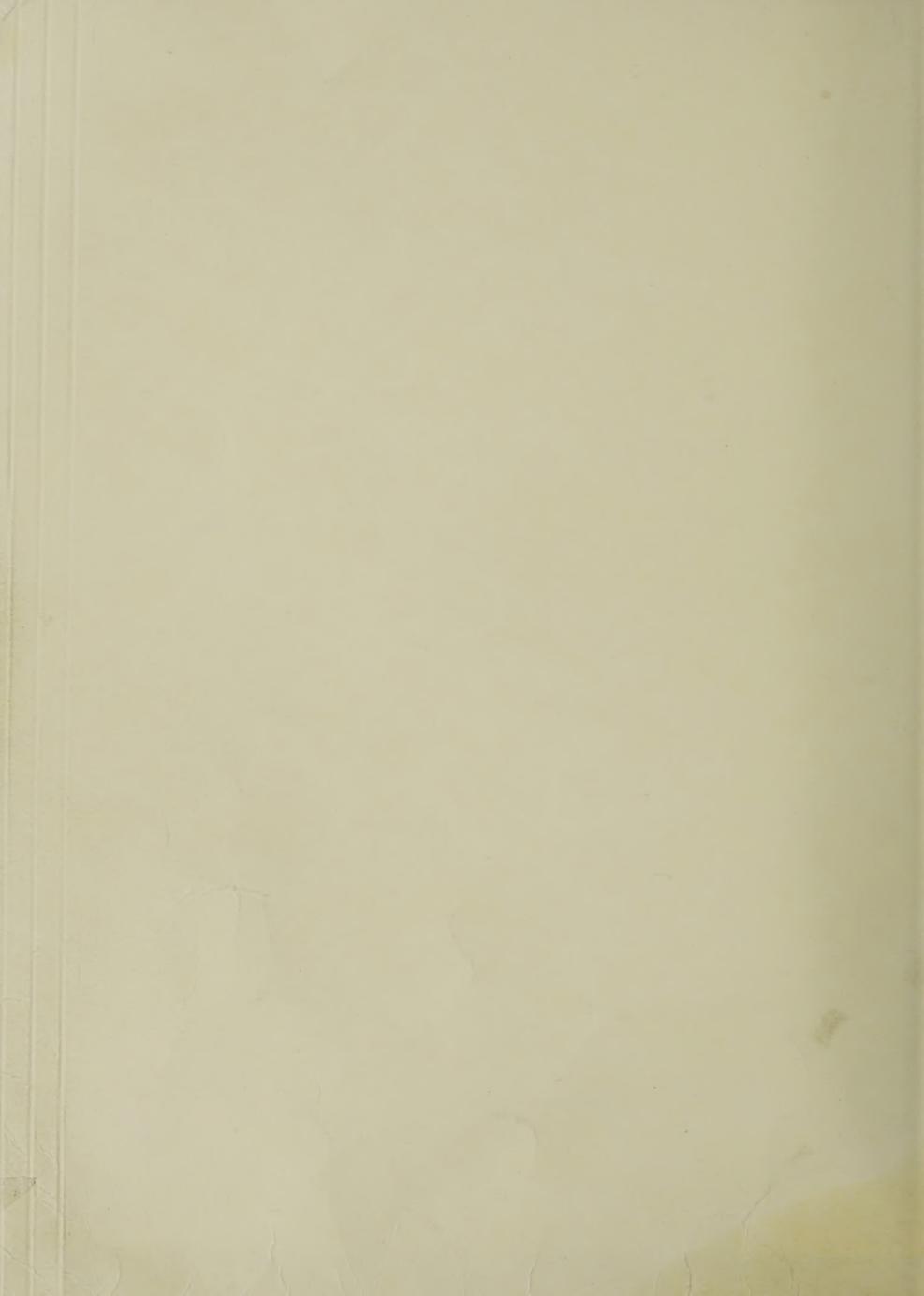
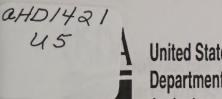
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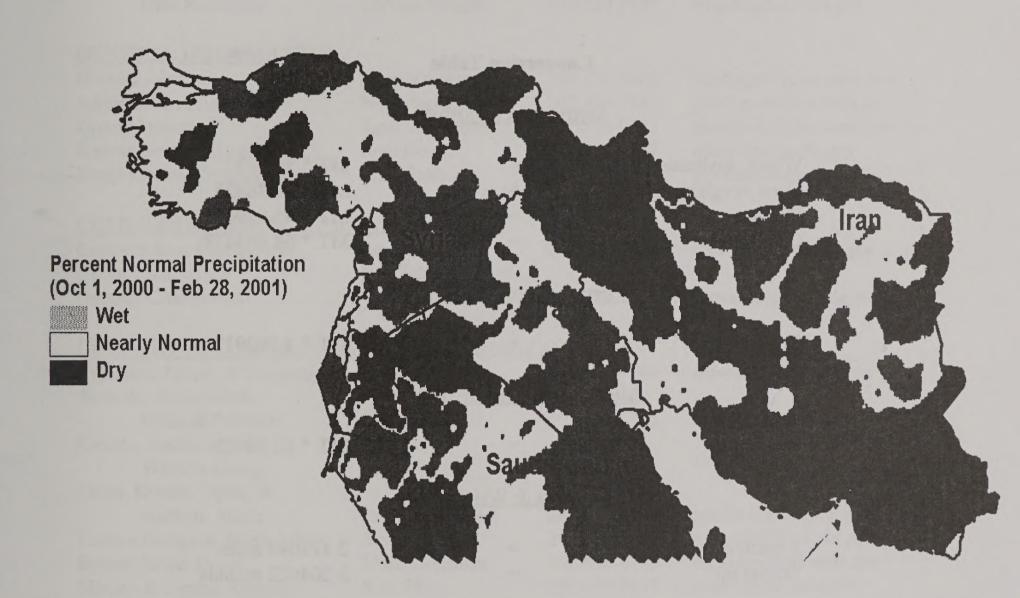
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Wheat and barley production prospects in Turkey are poorer than last year due to warm and dry winter weather conditions. Snow coverage was below normal in the Central Anatolia region of Turkey due to warm temperatures and below normal precipitation. These weather conditions may reduce yields in Central Anatolia region where about 40 percent of wheat and barley are grown.

Most of Iran received above normal rainfall last year after planting the winter wheat crop in late September and early October. However, rainfed wheat and barley regions of western Iran received below normal precipitation during the past several months.

Rainfall in Iraq and Syria have been near to above normal from October 2000-February 2001. The 2001/02 grain prospects for Syria are favorable due to these good rains. However, the 2001/02 grain outlook for Iraq remains uncertain due to lingering effects of two consecutive droughts and scarce availability of agriculture inputs.

This report uses information from the Foreign Agricultural Services' global network of agricultural attaches and counselors; official statistics of foreign governments and other foreign source materials; and the results of economic and satellite imagery analysis. Estimates of foreign area, yield and production are from the Production Estimates and Crop Assessment Division, FAS, and are reviewed by USDA's Inter-Agency Commodity Estimates Committees. Estimates of U.S. area, yield and production are from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Numbers within the report may not add to totals because of rounding. This report reflects official USDA estimates released in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE-372), March 8, 2001.

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Conversion Table

Metric tons to bushels

Wheat, soybeans	=	MT * 36.7437
Corn, sorghum, rye	=	MT * 39.36825
Barley		MT * 45.929625
Oats	-	MT * 68.894438

Metric tons to 480-lb bales

Cotton	=	MT * 4.592917
Cotton		1411 1.002011

Metric tons to hundredweight

Rice	=	MT * 22.04622
		1.21

Area & Weight

1 hectare	=	2.471044 acres
1kilogram	=	2.204622 pounds

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PRODUCTION BRIEFS

Argentina: Higher Soybean Yields and Production Forecast

Argentina's 2000/01 soybean production is forecast at a record 25.0 million tons, up 1.0 million or 4 percent from last month, and up 18 percent from last season's record production of 21.2 million. Harvested area is forecast at a record 9.85 million hectares, up 0.05 million from last month and up 1.28 million or 15 percent from last season. Soybean yields are estimated at 2.54 tons per hectare, above the five-year average yield of 2.32 tons but below the record yield of 2.80 tons in 1997/98.

Beneficial rains at the end of February have alleviated concerns for yield potential which arose from the hot dry conditions that predominated from February 12 to 27. Abundant soil moisture maintained single-crop soybeans through the hot dry spell. Second-crop soybeans may have suffered during a dry spell in December and early January, but early vegetative and flowering periods have had very good rainfall. March weather will be important to the second-crop soybeans; poor rainfall or early coolness would negatively affect yields. Of the total planted area, 74 percent is single cropped and 26 percent is second-crop soybeans.

South Africa: Dry Conditions Temper Corn Yields

South Africa corn production for 2000/01 is estimated at 7.5 million, down 0.5 million or 6 percent from last month and down 29 percent from last year's bumper crop. Area is estimated at 3.3 million hectares, unchanged from last month but down 15 percent from last year. The estimated yield was reduced this month to 2.27 tons per hectare in response to an extended period of dryness. Following a favorably wet planting period, the weather in South Africa's corn producing regions turned mostly dry and unseasonably warm from January through mid-February. Surface and subsurface soil moisture declined significantly and potential yields were reduced in many areas, especially for early-planted corn, which was in the pollination/silking stage during the dry period. Widespread rainfall and cooler temperatures in recent weeks have improved soil moisture levels and reduced crop stress, particularly for late-planted corn. Current conditions (early March) are dry again, but additional rain is forecast for later in the month. Yield prospects have stabilized and may improve given favorable weather through harvest.

Mexico: Corn and Sorghum Production Forecasts Lowered

Mexican corn production for 2000/01 is estimated at 18.0 million tons, down 0.5 million, or 3 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year. Area is unchanged from last month at 8.0 million hectares. Sorghum production for 2000/01 is estimated at 6.2 million tons, down 0.2 million, or 3 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Area is unchanged from last month at 2.0 million hectares. These changes reflect the cumulative effect of dry conditions over the summer The mostly non-irrigated fields are planted in April/August and harvested October/February. The summer crop usually generates 85 percent of Mexico's annual corn production, while as much as 70

percent of the annual sorghum production comes from the summer season.

India: 2000/01 Rice Forecast Falls Due to Poor Rabi Planting Conditions

The 2000/01 rice crop is forecast at 87.0 million tons, down 1.5 million or 2 percent from last month. The area forecast is unchanged at 44.6 million hectares. The Indian rice crop consists of two harvests from different seasons: the kharif and rabi. The current estimate of 87 million tons represents the two component estimates of 75 million tons previously harvested during the kharif season and 12 million from the rabi to be harvested in the early summer months. The rabi crop is expected to be reduced as planting conditions were unfavorable due to reduced water availability as water in reservoirs and storage tanks were low.

Bangladesh: 2000/01 Rice Forecast Rises to Record

The 2000/01 rice crop is now forecast at a record 24.0 million tons, up 2.7 million from last month or 13 percent. The area forecast is revised to 10.7 million hectares, up 0.2 million from last month. Despite flooding in the southwest parts of the country during September, the aus and aman crops are estimated at record production levels, at 1.90 and 11.1 million tons respectively. Boro planting is assessed as normal this season and assuming average yield of 3 tons per hectare, Boro production is expected to reach last year's record level of 11 million tons.

India: Dry Conditions Reduce Rapeseed Production Forecast

The 2000/01 Indian rapeseed output is forecast at 4.2 million tons, down 0.2 million or 5 percent from last month and down 0.9 million or 18 percent from last year. Estimated area is revised from 5.4 to 5.1 million hectares, down 0.3 million or 6 percent from last month and 0.5 million or 10 percent from last year. Dry conditions during the planting window reduced the sown area in Gujarat and Rajasthan. This led to a partial shift to low-rainfall tolerant crops including millet and sorghum. Yields are anticipated to be lower this season, because of decreased seasonal rainfall, and reduced irrigation supplies in some areas.

Indonesia: Palm Oil Output Higher Than Expected

Indonesia palm oil production continues to exceed expectations due to excellent weather conditions and large numbers of young trees coming into production. As a result, 2000/01 production is raised this month by 0.6 million tons, to 7.4 million. Output in 2000/01 is 0.7 million tons higher than 1999/2000 output, which was revised higher this month by 0.3 million tons to 6.8 million. Concurrently, 2000/01 palm kernel output is raised this month by 0.2 million tons to 2.2 million.

Australia: 2000/01 Cotton Production Forecast Increased

Australian cotton production for 2000/01 is estimated at 3.4 million bales, up 0.1 million or 3 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Estimated area is revised to 0.485 million hectares, up 0.02 million from last month. Above average temperatures and periodic rainfall have significantly improved conditions in most of the cotton growing areas. The cotton season endured a rough start with dry conditions during September and October, followed by heavy rains in November. However,

beneficial weather has predominated in the east and has bolstered yield prospects. Damage from heavy rains and flooding had less impact than previously believed. Irrigated cotton fields typically have perimeter levees as part of the irrigation scheme, and these are reported to have successfully reduced damage.

TABLE 1 U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield, and Production

	Pla	Planted Area	39	Har	Harvested Area	Геа		Yield	D			Production	ction	
COMMODITY	1998/99 1	Prel. 1999/00	Proj. 2000/01	1998/99	Prel. 1999/00	Proj. 2000/01	1998/99	Prel. 1999/00	2000/c Feb.	2000/01 Proj. eb. Mar.	1998/99	Prel. 1999/00	2000 Feb.	2000/01 Proj. b. Mar.
	-Will	Million acres	5	Mi	Million acres	-S-		-Bushels per acre	er acre			Million bushels	-slaysno	
All Wheat	65.8	62.7	62.5	59.0	53.8	53.0	43.2	42.7	41.9	41.9	2,547	2,299	2,223	2,223
Winter	46.4	43.3	43.3	40.1	35.5	35.0	46.9	47.8	44.6	44.6	1,881	1,697	1,563	1,563
Other	19.4	19.4	19.2	18.9	18.3	18.0	35.2	32.9	36.7	36.7	999	602	099	099
Soybeans	72.0	73.7	74.5	70.4	72.4	72.7	38.9	36.6	38.1	38.1	2,741	2,654	2,770	2,770
Corn	80.2	77.4	79.6	72.6	70.5	72.7	134.4	133.8	137.1	137.1	9,759	9,431	9,968	9,968
Sorghum	9.6	9.3	9.5	7.7	8.5	7.7	67.3	2.69	6.09	6.09	520	595	470	470
Barley	6.3	5.2	5.8	5.9	4.7	5.5	0.09	59.2	61.1	61.1	352	280	318	318
Oats	4.9	4.7	4.5	2.8	2.5	2.3	60.2	59.6	64.2	64.2	166	146	149	149
							i	Pounds per acre	er acre			Million CWT	CWT-	
Rice	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.0	5,663	5,866	6,278	6,278	184.4	206.0	191.1	191.1
											-Mi	llion 480-F	Million 480-pound bales	10
All Cotton	13.4	14.9	15.5	10.7	13.4	13.1	625	209	631	631	13.9	17.0	17.2	17.2

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World Crop Production Summary

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Wheat 1998/99	588.8			24.1	3.2	103.1	6.0	33.9	56.1	109.7	66.4	0.0	18.7	0.0	12.4	2.2	21.5	1.9	18.0	47.4
1999/00 prel. 2000/01 proj.	587.7	525.2	62.6	26.9		96.9	6.0	29.0	65.3	113.9	70.8	0.0	17.9	0.0	15.5	2.4	25.0	1.7	16.5	39.6
Feb. Mar.	579.5	519.0 519.9	60.5	26.8	<u>ო</u> ო	104.7	6.0	27.8	62.7	102.0	75.6	0.0	21.0	0.0	16.5	1.6	20.5	2.1	17.5	36.0
Coarse Grains					(2	2	7:-	?	
1998/99 1999/00 pref.	876.7	613.5	263.2	26.8	24.7	103.1	1.7	54.8	38.0	144.2	31.7	6.5	<u>τ</u> <u>τ</u> ω α.	4.5	17.8	33.5	10.1	11.1	10.5 9.6	102.5 96.8
Feb.	859.7	585.3	274.5	24.3	25.5	108.5	1.7	36.0	49.7	114.1	31.5	6.2	<u>4.</u> 4.	9.4	19.1	39.6	4.0	8. I	10.4	94.5
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1999/00 prel.	407.8	401.3		0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.8	138.9	89.5	33.4	5.2	15.6	1.1	6.7 7.8	0.8	0.0	0.2	98.2
2000/01 proj. Feb. Mar.	397.8	391.8	0.9	0.0	0.3	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	133.0	88.5	33.5	4. 4 6. 4	16.6	4.0	7.4	 .	0.0	0.2	104.0
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1999/00 prel.	1,872.2	1,540.0	332.2	53.6	29.4	201.7	2.6	84.8 83.8	94.8 106.5	390.6	184.0	39.6	25.3	20.1	31.2	43.6	32.5	10.0	28.7	248.0
2000/01 proj. Feb. Mar.	1,837.0	1,496.0	341.0	51.1	29.1	214.9	2.6	63.7	113.1	349.1	195.6 193.2	39.7	27.1	21.2	36.0	48.6	31.0	10.5	28.1	234.4
Oilseeds 2/ 1998/99	294.6	210.3	84.4	10.5		15.2	0.1	1.0	0	6 77	25.0	2.2	1	3	27 B	202	~	ر د	2.4	26.8
1999/00 prel.	302.3			11.7	0.5	16.5	0.1	6.3	11.0	45.8	22.3	2.4	4.3	0.5	28.0	35.2	. w . w	0.9	2.1	28.8
Feb. Mar.	305.2	219.9	8 8 8 6 8 6	6 6 6	0.4	14.8	0.1	4.5	11.3	48.5	22.1	2.4	0.4	0.5	28.7	36.9 36.9	3.0	1.0	<u>r. r.</u> ø. ø.	29.8
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1998/99 1999/00 prel.	84.9	71.0	13.9	0.0	1.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	6.6	20.7	12.9	0.0	8. 8. 8. 8.	0.0	0.9	3.1	. ა ა 4.	0.2	დ. დ.	10.7
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1/ Includes wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above.

2/ Includes soybean, cottonseed, peanut (inshell), sunflowerseed, rapeseed for individual countries. Copra and palm kernel are added to world totals. Note: Entries of 0.0 indicate no reported or insignificant production.

TABLE 3

Wheat Area, Yield, and Production

		Area	ea			Yield				Production	tion		Char	Change in Production	duction	
Country/Region		Prel.	2000	2000/01 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	l Proj.		Pref.	2000/01	0/01 Proj.			·	
14	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From las	From last month	From last year	st year
		Million hectares	ectares		Met	Metric tons per hectare	r hectare			Million metric tons	tric tons		MMT	Percent	TMM	Percent
World	224.67	216.93	215.41	215.90	2.62	2.71	2.69	2.69	588.80	587.75	579.48	580.38	0.91	0.16	-7.36	-1.25
United States	23.88	21.78	21.46	21.46	2.90	2.87	2.82	2.82	69.33	62.57	60.51	60.51	0.00	00.00	-2.06	-3.29
Total Foreign	200.80	195.14	193.95	194.44	2.59	2.69	2.68	2.67	519.47	525.18	518.96	519.87	0.91	0.17	-5.31	-1.01
Major Exporters	44.54	45.84	46.82	47.09	3.62	3.58	3.60	3.59	161.03	164.25	168.49	169.25	0.75	0.45	5.00	3.04
European Union	17.09	17.06	17.67	17.94	6.03	5.68	5.93	5.85	103.09	96.89	104.69	104.95	0.25	0.24	8.06	8.32
France	5.23	5.11	5.00	5.20	7.60	7.24	7.50	7.22	39.79	37.00	37.50	37.53	0.03	0.07	0.52	1.41
United Kingdom	2.05	1.85	2.09	5.09	7.56	8.05	8.01	8.01	15.47	14.87	16.70	16.70	0.00	00.0	1.83	12.31
Germany	2.80	2.60	2.97	2.97	7.20	7.54	7.27	7.28	20.19	19.62	21.60	21.62	0.02	0.10	2.01	10.23
Canada	10.77	10.36	10.90	10.90	2.24	2.59	2.46	2.46	24.08	26.85	26.80	26.80	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-0.19
Australia	11.54	12.34	12.00	12.00	1.86	2.03	1.71	1.75	21.47	25.01	20.50	21.00	0.50	2.44	4.01	-16.04
Argentina	5.13	6.07	6.25	6.25	2.42	2.55	2.64	2.64	12.40	15.50	16.50	16.50	0.00	0.00	1.00	6.45
Major Importers	96.94	90.41	89.58	89.14	2.33	2.53	2.36	2.37	225.97	228.98	211.29	211.41	0.13	0.06	-17.56	-7.67
China	29.77	28.86	27.00	27.00	3.69	3.95	3.78	3.78	109.73	113.88	102.00	102.00	0.00	00.0	-11.88	-10.43
FSU-12	44.90	41.73	42.32	41.82	1.25	1.56	1.48	1.50	56.13	65.27	62.74	62.89	0.15	0.24	-2.39	-3.66
Russia	26.10	23.00	23.00	23.00	1.03	1.35	1.50	1.50	27.00	31.00	34.40	34.40	0.00	0.00	3.40	10.97
Ukraine	5.64	5.93	5.70	5.20	2.65	2.29	1.79	1.96	14.94	13.59	10.20	10.20	0.00	0.00	-3.39	-24.92
Kazakstan	9.10	8.73	9.50	9.50	0.52	1.28	96.0	96.0	4.70	11.20	9.10	9.10	0.00	0.00	-2.10	-18.75
Baltic States	0.56	0.53	0.54	0.54	2.71	2.50	2.99	2.99	1.52	1.32	1.60	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.28	21.12
Eastern Europe	9.57	8.35	8.78	8.75	3.54	3.47	3.16	3.17	33.93	28.95	27.75	27.73	-0.02	90.0-	-1.22	4.20
Poland	2.63	2.58	2.60	2.60	3.62	3.50	3.23	3.23	9.54	9.05	8.40	8.40	0.00	0.00	-0.65	-7.19
Iran	09.9	00.9	00.9	00.9	1.82	1.42	1.25	1.25	12.00	8.50	7.50	7.50	0.00	0.00	-1.00	-11.76
Egypt	1.02	1.00	1.10	1.10	00.9	6.55	00.9	00.9	6.10	6.55	09.9	09.9	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.76
Morocco	3.09	2.70	2.50	2.50	1.42	0.78	09.0	09.0	4.38	2.10	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	09.0-	-28.57
Brazil	1.43	1.25	1.35	1.4	1.54	1.92	1.19	1.10	2.19	2.40	1.60	1.60	0.00	-0.31	-0.81	-33.62
Other Foreign	59.33	58.90	57.55	58.21	2.23	2.24	2.42	2.39	132.47	131.95	139.18	139.21	0.03	0.02	7.26	5.50
India	26.70	27.40	26.74	27.43	2.49	2.58	2.83	2.76	66.35	70.78	75.57	75.75	0.18	0.24	4.97	7.03
Turkey	8.55	8.65	8.65	8.65	2.11	1.91	2.02	2.02	18.00	16.50	17.50	17.50	0.00	00.0	1.00	90.9
Pakistan	8.36	8.23	8.60	8.60	2.24	2.17	2.44	2.44	18.69	17.85	21.00	21.00	0.00	0.00	3.15	17.62
Mexico	0.77	0.70	0.75	0.75	4.21	4.43	4.40	4.40	3.24	3.10	3.30	3.30	0.00	00.00	0.20	6.45
Saudi Arabia	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	5.37	5.37	5.37	5.37	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	0.00	00.0	0.00	0.00
South Africa	0.75	0.72	0.86	98.0	2.52	2.40	2.47	2.47	1.88	1.73	2.12	2.12	0.00	0.09	0.40	23.01
Others	13.87	12.87	11.62	11.58	1.62	1.57	1.54	1.53	22.51	20.19	17.89	17.73	-0.16	-0.89	-2.46	-12.16

TABLE 4

Total Coarse Grain Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

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Country/Region		Prel.	200	2000/01 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	Proj.		Prel.	2000	2000/01 Proj.				
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	1	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	month	From last year	st year
		Million !	Million hectares		Metri	Metric tons per hectare	r hectare	4:		Million metric tons	tric tons		H T MM	Percent	TMM	Percent
World	307.75	302.35	300.64	299.29	2.89	2.90	2.86	2.86	80.08	876.72	859.73	856.27	-3.46	-0.40	-20.45	-2.33
United States	36.16	35.05	35.73	35.73	7.51	7.51	7.68	7.68	271.47	263.17	274.45	274.45	0.00	0.00	11.28	4.29
Total Foreign	271.59	267.30	264.91	263.56	2.28	2.30	2.21	2.21	618.60	613.55	585.28	581.82	-3.46	-0.59	-31.73	-5.17
Major Exporters	49.91	49.75	47.49	47.49	4.14	4.14	3.69	3.67	206.72	206.02	175.34	174.05	-1.29	-0.74	-31.97	-15.52
Canada	7.38	6.94	7.13	7.13	3.60	3.86	3.42	3.42	26.57	26.77	24.35	24.35	00.00	0.00	-2.42	-9.05
Argentina	3.88	4.46	4.05	4.05	4.57	4.86	4.72	4.72	17.75	21.66	19.12	19.12	00.0	0.00	-2.55	-11.77
Australia	4.80	3.90	4.57	4.49	2.10	2.23	5.06	1.97	10.07	8.72	9.41	8.86	-0.55	-5.85	0.14	1.57
South Africa	4.50	4.83	4.20	4.19	1.81	2.29	2.00	1.88	8.14	11.08	8.38	7.88	-0.50	-5.97	-3.20	-28.87
China	29.36	29.62	27.55	27.63	4.91	4.65	4.14	4.12	144.19	137.79	114.10	113.86	-0.24	-0.21	-23.94	-17.37
Major Importers	81.41	78.05	78.48	78.42	2.74	2.92	2.85	2.84	223.43	227.90	223.75	222.81	-0.94	-0.42	-5.09	-2.23
FSU-12	33.53	31.56	32.57	32.37	1.13	1.28	1.53	1.53	37.95	40.41	49.70	49.69	-0.01	-0.02	9.28	22.96
Russia	22.05	20.60	20.20	20.20	0.86	1.06	1.39	1.39	18.95	21.80	28.00	28.00	0.00	0.00	6.20	28.44
Ukraine	5.93	5.53	6.80	09.9	1.74	1.81	1.91	1.97	10.34	10.03	13.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	2.97	29.60
Kazakstan	2.17	2.03	2.15	2.15	0.64	1.34	1.12	1.12	1.39	2.72	2.40	2.40	0.00	0.00	-0.31	-11.60
Baltic States	1.20	1.12	1.12	1.12	2.16	1.76	2.17	2.17	2.58	1.97	2.42	2.42	0.00	0.00	0.45	22.59
European Union	20.09	19.06	19.28	19.42	5.25	5.41	5.63	5.57	105.55	103.10	108.49	108.26	-0.23	-0.21	5.16	5.00
Germany	4.33	4.03	4.05	4.05	5.63	6.16	5.83	5.84	24.39	24.84	23.60	23.65	0.05	0.21	-1.19	-4.78
France	3.92	3.74	3.76	3.85	7.22	7.33	7.58	7.45	28.28	27.43	28.52	28.67	0.15	0.51	1.23	4.49
Eastern Europe	16.02	15.94	14.79	14.79	3.18	3.44	2.43	2.43	50.98	54.78	35.96	35.96	0.00	0.00	-18.82	-34.35
Poland	6.21	6.13	6.03	6.03	2.84	2.73	2.31	2.31	17.62	16.70	13.94	13.94	0.00	0.00	-2.76	-16.55
Romania	3.80	3.83	3.30	3.30	2.54	3.12	1.56	1.56	9.64	11.95	5.16	5.16	0.00	0.00	-6.79	-56.84
Czech Rep.	0.74	0.69	0.64	0.64	3.68	4.01	3.43	3.43	2.74	2.77	2.18	2.18	0.00	0.00	-0.59	-21.36
Mexico	10.22	10.01	10.35	10.35	2.42	2.59	2.46	2.40	24.70	25.95	25.50	24.80	-0.70	-2.75	-1.15	-4.43
Other W. Europe	0.35	0.37	0.37	0.37	4.80	4.58	4.58	4.58	1.67	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Foreign	140.27	139.50	138.95	137.66	1.34	1.29	1.34	1.34	188.46	179.63	186.18	184.96	-1.22	99.0-	5.33	2.96
Thailand	1.45	1.31	1.36	1.36	3.10	3.13	3.38	3.38	4.50	4.10	4.60	4.60	0.00	0.00	0.50	12.20
India	29.52	29.52	29.65	28.53	1.07	1.03	1.06	1.07	31.67	30.48	31.50	30.46	-1.04	-3.30	-0.02	-0.07
Brazil	12.77	13.05	14.16	14.16	2.62	2.49	2.80	2.80	33.51	32.55	39.60	39.60	0.00	0.00	7.05	21.65
Turkey	4.63	4.63	4.68	4.68	2.26	2.08	2.23	2.23	10.48	9.62	10.42	10.42	0.00	0.00	0.80	8.32
Indonesia	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.03	2.07	2.07	2.07	6.50	6.20	6.20	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Philippines	2.77	2.55	2.50	2.48	1.77	1.75	1.72	1.81	4.89	4.45	4.30	4.51	0.21	4.84	90.0	1.33

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TABLE 5
Corn Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

		Area				Yield				Production	tion		0	Change in Production	Production	-
Country/Region	*	Prel.	2000/	2000/01 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	'01 Proj.				
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	month	From last year	t year
		Million hectares	ctares		Met	Metric tons per hectare	r hectare			Million metric tons	tric tons		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	138.97	140.02	139.38	139.18	4.36	4.33	4.20	4.19	605.31	606.15	585.56	583.06	-2.50	-0.43	-23.10	3.81
United States	29.38	28.53	29.43	29.43	8.44	8.40	8.60	8.60	247.88	239.55	253.21	253.21	0.00	00.0	13.66	5.70
Total Foreign	109.60	111.50	109.94	109.74	3.26	3.29	3.02	3.01	357.43	366.61	332.35	329.85	-2.50	-0.75	36.76	-10.03
Major Exporters	31.41	32.87	30.10	30.10	4.91	4.74	4.25	4.24	154.18	155.87	128.00	127.50	-0.50	-0.39	-28.37	-18.20
Argentina	2.61	3.10	2.80	2.80	5.18	5.55	5.36	5.36	13.50	17.20	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	-2.20	-12.79
South Africa	3.57	3.87	3.30	3.30	2.17	2.74	2.42	2.27	7.72	10.58	8.00	7.50	-0.50	-6.25	3.08	-29.14
China	25.24	25.90	24.00	24.00	5.27	4.94	4.38	4.38	132.95	128.09	105.00	105.00	0.00	0.00	-23.09	-18.02
Major Importers	21.34	21.07	21.55	21.72	3.93	4.39	3.78	3.72	83.91	92.44	81.52	80.80	-0.72	-0.88	-11.64	-12.60
Eastern Europe	6.80	7.03	6.39	6.39	3.69	4.39	2.61	2.61	25.12	30.84	16.66	16.66	0.00	0.00	-14.18	45.98
Romania	3.00	3.00	2.70	2.70	2.67	3.50	1.48	1.48	8.00	10.50	4.00	4.00	00.00	0.00	-6.50	-61.90
Yugoslavia	2.03	2.10	1.80	1.80	4.13	4.72	3.06	3.06	8.39	9.90	5.50	5.50	0.00	0.00	4.40	44.44
European Union	4.13	4.15	4.21	4.27	8.54	8.99	9.24	9.04	35.30	37.29	38.89	38.63	-0.26	-0.67	1.34	3.59
France	1.80	1.76	1.78	1.83	8.45	8.89	9.18	8.98	15.20	15.64	16.30	16.47	0.17	1.04	0.83	5.29
Italy	0.97	1.03	1.10	1.10	88.88	9.75	9.82	9.33	8.60	10.06	10.80	10.27	-0.53	4.95	0.21	2.06
Mexico	7.90	7.70	8.00	8.00	2.25	2.47	2.31	2.25	17.79	19.00	18.50	18.00	-0.50	-2.70	-1.00	-5.26
FSU-12	2.44	2.14	2.91	3.01	2.19	2.32	2.46	2.39	5.35	4.98	7.14	7.18	0.04	0.56	2.19	43.99
Russia	0.79	0.60	0.00	06.0	1.02	1.83	1.67	1.67	0.80	1.10	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.40	36.36
Ukraine	0.91	0.69	1.20	1.30	2.53	2.52	3.17	2.92	2.30	1.74	3.80	3.80	0.00	0.00	2.06	118.77
Other W. Europe	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	8.41	8.80	8.80	8.80	0.19	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	4.17	4.12	4.23	4.23	0.17	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.80
Other Foreign	56.84	57.55	58.29	57.93	2.10	2.06	2.11	2.10	119.35	118.29	122.83	121.55	-1.28	-1.04	3.26	2.75
Thailand	1.29	1.15	1.20	1.20	3.33	3.39	3.67	3.67	4.30	3.90	4.40	4.40	0.00	0.00	0.50	12.82
Brazil	12.10	12.49	13.50	13.50	2.68	2.53	2.85	2.85	32.39	31.64	38.50	38.50	00.00	00.0	6.86	21.68
India	80.9	6.43	09.9	6.50	1.76	1.78	1.82	1.77	10.68	11.47	12.00	11.50	-0.50	4.17	0.03	0.26
Canada	1.12	1.15	1.08	1.08	8.01	7.91	6.33	6.33	8.95	9.10	6.80	08.9	00.00	0.00	-2.30	-25.24
Indonesia	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.03	2.07	2.07	2.07	6.50	6.20	6.20	6.20	00.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Philippines	2.77	2.55	2.50	2.48	1.77	1.75	1.72	1.81	4.89	4.45	4.30	4.51	0.21	4.84	90.0	1.33
Egypt	0.74	0.73	0.75	0.75	7.61	7.78	7.73	7.73	5.61	5.68	5.80	5.80	0.00	0.00	0.12	2.15
Zimbabwe	1.45	1.45	0.95	0.95	1.05	1.18	1.05	1.05	1.52	1.70	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	-0.70	41.18
Others	28.11	28.61	28.72	28.47	1.58	1.54	1.53	150	44.50	44 16	72 B2	VO CV	000	2000	7	000

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TABLE 6

Barley Area, Yield, and Production

		Area		1		Yield				Production	tion			Change in Production	Production	-
Country/Region		Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	1 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	01 Proj.				
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	month	From last year	st year
		Million hectares	tares		Metr	Metric tons per hectare	r hectare			Million metric tons	tric tons		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	61.09	56.30	54.88	54.70	2.24	2.27	2.44	2.45	137.11	127.91	133.96	133.83	-0.13	-0.10	5.92	4.63
United States	2.37	1.92	2.11	2.11	3.23	3.19	3.29	3.29	7.67	6.10	6.92	6.92	0.00	0.00	0.82	13.40
Total Foreign	58.72	54.39	52.77	52.59	2.20	2.24	2.41	2.41	129.44	121.80	127.04	126.91	-0.13	-0.10	5.11	4.19
European Union	11.47	10.85	10.74	10.81	4.52	4.51	4.80	4.77	51.91	48.88	51.56	51.57	0.01	0.01	2.69	5.51
Denmärk	0.69	0.72	0.76	0.76	5.20	5.06	5.39	5.39	3.57	3.62	4.10	4.10	0.00	0.00	0.48	13.26
France	1.63	1.53	1.55	1.57	6.49	6.22	6.45	6.31	10.59	9.54	10.00	9.93	-0.07	-0.75	0.39	4.05
Germany	2.24	2.21	2.07	2.07	2.60	6.02	5.85	5.85	12.51	13.30	12.10	12.11	0.01	0.05	-1.20	-8.98
Italy	0.36	0.35	0.30	0.35	3.80	3.75	3.83	3.56	1.38	1.33	1.15	1.23	0.08	6.70	-0.10	-7.67
Spain	3.53	3.11	3.25	3.25	3.09	2.39	3.32	3.32	10.90	7.43	10.80	10.80	0.00	0.00	3.37	45.28
United Kingdom	1.26	1.18	1.13	1.13	5.28	5.59	5.76	5.76	6.63	6.58	6.50	6.50	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-1.22
FSU-12	18.13	17.07	16.48	16.18	1.08	1.25	1.54	1.57	19.65	21.37	25.39	25.34	-0.05	-0.20	3.97	18.57
Russia	11.28	10.50	9.30	9.30	0.87	1.01	1.51	1.51	9.80	10.60	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00	3.40	32.08
Ukraine	3.57	3.48	4.00	3.70	1.65	1.85	1.73	1.86	2.87	6.43	06.9	6.90	0.00	0.00	0.48	7.39
Kazakstan	1.80	1.70	1.80	1.80	0.61	1.32	1.11	1.11	1.10	2.25	2.00	2.00	0.00	00.0	-0.25	-11.11
Baltic States	0.79	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.19	1.71	2.17	2.17	1.73	1.28	1.63	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.35	27.15
Eastern Europe	3.45		2.93	2.93	3.10	2.99	2.65	2.65	10.69	9.63	7.76	7.76	0.00	0.00	-1.88	-19.50
Poland	1.14	1.11	1.10	1.10	3.17	3.07	2.64	7.64	3.61	3.40	2.90	2.90	0.00	0.00	-0.50	-14.73
Czech Rep.	0.58	0.54	0.50	0.50	3.61	3.94	3.30	3.30	2.09	2.14	1.65	1.65	0.00	00.0	-0.49	-22.79
Romania	0.55	0.55	0.35	0.35	2.25	1.85	2.14	2.14	1.24	1.02	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	-0.27	-26.11
Canada	4.27	4.07	4.50	4.50	2.98	3.24	3.00	3.00	12.71	13.20	13.50	13.50	0.00	0.00	0.30	2.30
Other W. Europe	0.21	0.23	0.23	0.23	4.62	4.19	4.19	4.19	0.95	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Norway	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.18	3.92	3.53	3.53	3.53	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turkey	3.60	3.55	3.60	3.60	2.08	1.86	2.06	2.06	7.50	09'9	7.40	7.40	0.00	0.00	0.80	12.12
Australia	3.17	2.55	3.00	3.00	1.89	1.98	1.87	1.87	5.99	5.04	2.60	2.60	0.00	0.00	0.56	11.05
China	1.20	0.84	0.80	0.88	2.92	3.41	3.50	3.13	3.50	2.87	2.80	2.76	-0.04	-1.61	-0.11	-3.87
Morocco	2.43	2.10	1.50	1.50	0.81	0.67	0.40	0.40	1.97	1.40	09.0	09.0	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-57.14
India	0.76	0.78	0.75	0.73	2.22	1.88	2.00	2.01	1.68	1.47	1.50	1.46	-0.04	-2.67	-0.01	-0.68
Others	9.25	8.38	7.50	7.49	1.21	1.09	1.12	1.12	11.17	9.12	8.36	8.36	-0.00	-0.02	-0.76	-8.35

TABLE 7

Oats Area, Yield, and Production

Country/Region 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998/99 1998 World United States 1.12 </th <th>Prel. 200 1999/00 Fe Million hectares 14.10 13. 13.11 13. 5.48 5. 4.50 4.8</th> <th>b. b. b. b. 44</th> <th></th> <th>1998/99</th> <th>Prel.</th> <th>2000/01 Proj</th> <th>Proj.</th> <th>00/0001</th> <th>Prel.</th> <th>2000/0</th> <th>2000/01 Proj.</th> <th></th> <th>From last month</th> <th></th> <th></th>	Prel. 200 1999/00 Fe Million hectares 14.10 13. 13.11 13. 5.48 5. 4.50 4.8	b. b. b. b. 44		1998/99	Prel.	2000/01 Proj	Proj.	00/0001	Prel.	2000/0	2000/01 Proj.		From last month		
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States				Metri	Metric tons per hectare	hectare		Σ	Million metric tons	ic tons		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
1.12 14.38 6.24 0.55 0.30 0.15 0.24 1.59 0.24 0.30 0.30 0.30			13.97	1.67	1.73	1.87	1.88	25.91	24.38	26.18	26.22	0.04	0.14	1.84	7.53
14.38 6.24 6.24 0.55 0.30 0.15 0.24 0.30 0.30 0.31	_		0.94	2.16	2.14	2.30	2.30	2.41	2.12	2.17	2.17	0.00	0.00	0.04	2.07
6.24 6.24 0.55 0.30 0.15 0.24 0.24 0.30 0.14 0.30 0.30		5.44	13.03	1.63	1.70	1.84	1.85	23.50	22.26	24.02	24.05	0.04	0.15	1.79	8.05
5.23 0.55 0.30 0.15 1.59 0.24 0.30 0.30 0.31			5.44	0.99	1.08	1.40	1.40	6.17	5.93	7.60	7.60	0.00	0.00	1.67	28.21
0.55 0.30 0.15 0.24 1.59 0.30 0.30 0.31		4.50	4.50	0.88	0.98	1.33	1.33	4.60	4.40	00.9	00.9	0.00	0.00	1.60	36.36
0.30 0.15 1.59 0.91 0.24 0.30 0.30 0.39		0.53	0.53	1.42	1.43	1.71	1.71	0.78	0.76	06.0	06.0	0.00	0.00	0.14	18.42
0.15 0.24 0.24 0.30 0.30 0.39	0.30	0.30	0.30	2.33	1.83	2.00	2.00	0.70	0.55	09.0	09.0	0.00	0.00	0.05	9.09
2.74 1.59 0.91 0.24 0.30 0.14 0.39 0.31	0.15	0.15	0.15	2.11	1.77	1.83	1.83	0.32	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.01	3.00
1.59 0.91 0.24 0.55 0.14 0.30 0.30 0.39	2.31	2.33	2.33	2.24	2.29	2.19	2.21	6.14	5.29	5.10	5.15	0.05	0.98	-0.14	-2.57
0.91 0.24 0.25 0.55 0.14 0.30 0.30 0.31	1.40	1.30	1.30	2.49	2.60	2.62	2.62	3.96	3.64	3.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	-0.24	-6.62
1.97 ion 1.97 0.30 0.30 0.39 0.31	0.58	0.75	0.75	1.98	1.89	1.67	1.73	1.80	1.09	1.25	1.30	0.05	4.00	0.21	19.05
5.25 0.55 1.97 0.14 0.30 0.30 0.39 0.31	0.34	0.28	0.28	1.60	1.65	1.61	1.61	0.38	0.55	0.45	0.45	0.00	00.00	-0.10	-18.63
ean Union 1.97 ie 0.14 iany 0.30 d 0.39 en 0.31	5.16	5.11	5.11	2.07	2.09	2.16	2.16	10.87	10.78	11.04	11.03	-0.01	-0.12	0.25	2.30
1.97 0.14 0.30 0.39 0.31	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.18	1.20	1.20	1.20	0.65	09.0	09.0	09.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.14 0.30 0.39 0.31	1.92	1.93	1.93	3.13	3.18	3.48	3.47	6.15	6.12	6.72	6.71	-0.01	-0.19	0.59	9.71
0.30 0.39 0.39	0.12	0.11	0.11	4.73	4.52	4.55	4.55	99.0	0.55	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-9.26
0.14	0.27	0.24	0.24	4.22	2.00	4.68	4.59	1.28	1.34	1.10	1.09	-0.01	-1.18	-0.25	-18.82
0.39		0.15	0.15	2.00	2.42	2.47	2.47	0.28	0.35	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.02	6.94
0.31	0.39	0.40	0.40	2.52	2.54	3.50	3.50	0.98	0.99	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.41	41.41
7 7	0.31	0.32	0.32	3.65	3.87	4.13	4.13	1.14	1.20	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.10	8.33
-	1.15	1.14	1.14	2.28	2.21	1.97	1.97	2.50	2.54	2.25	2.25	0.00	0.00	-0.30	-11.65
Rep. 0.06	90.0	90.0	90.0	3.10	3.18	2.73	2.73	0.18	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-14.29
Poland 0.56 (0.57	09.0	09.0	2.60	2.53	2.13	2.13	1.46	1.45	1.28	1.28	0.00	0.00	-0.17	-11.83
avia 0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	1.99	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
60.0	0.10	0.10	0.10	4.23	4.25	4.25	4.25	0.39	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.17	0.15	0.15	0.15	1.80	1.72	1.72	1.72	0.31	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others 1.37	1.35	1.29	1.29	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.63	-0.88	0.86	0.81	0.81	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-5.80

TABLE 8

Rye Area, Yield, and Production World and Selected Countries and Regions

		Area				Yield				Production	uo		Cha	Change in Production	duction	
Country/Region	1998/99	Prel. 1999/00	2000/0 Feb.	2000/01 Proj. Feb. Mar.	1998/99	Prel. 1999/00	2000/01 Feb.	Proj. Mar.	1998/99	Prel. 1999/00	2000/01 Feb.	1 Proj. Mar.	From last month	t month	From last year	st year
		Million hectares	ares		Met	Metric tons per hectare	r hectare		M	Million metric tons	ic tons		MMT	Percent	MM	Percent
World	10.31	10.02	10.15	10.15	1.97	1.97	1.92	1.92	20.31	19.71	19.44	19.44	-0.01	-0.03	-0.28	-1.41
United States	0.17	0.16	0.12	0.12	1.83	1.81	1.80	1.80	0.31	0.28	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-21.79
Total Foreign	10.14	9.86	10.02	10.03	1.97	1.97	1.92	1.92	20.00	19.43	19.22	19.22	-0.01	-0.03	-0.22	-1.12
FSU-12	5.44	5.55	5.72	5.72	1.12	1.26	1.41	1.41	6.07	6.99	8.06	8.06	0.00	0.00	1.06	15.17
Russia	3.78	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.87	1.20	1.35	1.35	3.30	4.80	5.40	5.40	0.00	0.00	09.0	12.50
Ukraine	0.70	0.62	0.65	0.65	1.62	1.48	1.54	1.54	1.14	0.92	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	8.81
Belarus	0.90	0.90	1.00	1.00	1.78	1.39	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.25	1.60	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.35	28.00
Baltic States	0.25	0.22	0.22	0.22	2.08	1.96	2.37	2.37	0.53	0.42	0.51	0.51	00.00	0.00	0.09	21.14
Major Exporter																
Canada	0.20	0.17	0.12	0.12	1.95	2.29	2.26	2.26	0.40	0.39	0.26	0.26	00.00	0.00	-0.13	-32.82
Other Foreign	4.25	3.93	3.97	3.97	3.06	2.96	2.62	2.62	13.01	11.63	10.40	10.39	-0.01	90.0-	-1.24	-10.66
Eastern Europe	2.53	2.44	2.38	2.38	2.48	2.33	1.90	1.90	6.28	5.68	4.53	4.53	0.00	00.0	-1.15	-20.26
Hungary	90.0	0.04	0.04	0.04	2.08	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.13	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poland	2.29	2.24	2.20	2.20	2.47	2.31	1.86	1.86	5.66	5.18	4.10	4.10	0.00	0.00	-1.08	-20.86
Czech Rep.	0.07	90.0	0.04	0.04	3.63	3.64	3.75	3.75	0.26	0.20	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-25.00
European Union	1.43	1.15	1.28	1.28	4.43	4.81	4.30	4.29	6.35	5.51	5.48	5.47	-0.01	-0.11	-0.04	-0.69
Denmark	0.11	0.05	0.08	0.08	5.12	4.71	4.33	4.33	0.54	0.24	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.09	35.42
France	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	4.70	4.54	4.59	4.57	0.22	0.19	0.17	0.16	-0.01	-5.88	-0.03	-13.98
Germany	0.94	0.75	0.84	0.84	5.10	5.79	4.94	4.93	4.78	4.33	4.15	4.15	0.00	0.10	-0.17	4.04
Spain	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	1.73	1.78	2.04	2.04	0.21	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.02	7.31
Austria	90.0	90.0	0.05	0.05	4.00	3.89	3.27	3.27	0.24	0.22	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-22.02
Sweden	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	4.60	5.45	5.42	5.45	0.16	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turkey	0.15	0.18	0.18	0.18	1.61	1.39	1.39	1.39	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	00.0	0.00	0.00
Others	0.14	0.17	0.14	0.14	1.07	1.14	1.04	1.04	0.15	0.19	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-26.56

TABLE 9

Sorghum Area, Yield, and Production World and Selected Countries and Regions

		Area				Yield				Production	ion		Cha	Change in Production	roduction	
Country/Region		Prel.	2000/	2000/01 Proj.		Pref.	2000/01 Proj.	1 Proj.		Prel.	2000/	2000/01 Proj.				
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	month	From I	From last year
		Million hectares	tares		Me Me	Metric tons per hectare	r hectare		~	Million metric tons	ic tons		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	40.23	41.05	40.82	40.84	1.48	1.44	1.36	1.35	59.40	59.15	55.52	55.17	-0.35	-0.63	-3.98	-6.72
United States	3.13	3.46	3.13	3.13	4.23	4.37	3.82	3.82	13.21	15.12	11.94	11.94	0.00	0.00	-3.18	-21.02
Total Foreign	37.10	37.60	37.70	37.72	1.24	1.17	1.16	1.15	46.19	44.03	43.58	43.23	-0.35	-0.80	-0.80	-1.81
India	9.98	10.40	10.30	10.30	0.87	0.85	0.87	0.87	8.71	888	00.6	00.6	00.00	000	0.14	1.58
China	0.97	0.98	0.95	0.95	4.22	3.31	3.16	2.94	4.09	3.24	3.00	2.80	-0.20	-6.67	-0.44	-13.63
Mexico	1.95	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.28	3.20	3.20	3.10	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.20	-0.20	-3.13	-0.20	-3.13
Nigeria	09.9	09.9	09.9	6.70	1.11	1.14	1.09	1.16	7.30	7.50	7.20	7.80	09.0	8.33	0.30	4.00
Sudan	00.9	5.80	00.9	00.9	0.75	0.41	0.42	0.42	4.50	2.35	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.15	6.38
Argentina	0.74	0.72	0.67	0.67	4.38	4.63	4.63	4.63	3.22	3.35	3.10	3.10	00.0	0.00	-0.25	-7.46
Australia	0.59	0.65	0.68	09.0	3.22	3.34	3.11	2.50	1.89	2.16	2.10	1.50	-0.60	-28.57	99.0-	-30.65
Ethiopia	1.45	1.60	1.60	1.60	0.83	0.91	0.91	0.91	1.20	1.45	1.45	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Colombia	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	2.92	3.00	2.83	2.83	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17	00.0	0.00	0.00	3.03
Venezuela	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Egypt	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	4.78	4.84	4.69	4.69	0.77	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yemen	0.38	0.40	0.40	0.40	1.00	06.0	0.90	06.0	0.38	0.36	0.36	0.36	00.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.43	0.40	0.40	0.40	00.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Niger	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.47	0.43	0.40	0.40	0.70	0.65	09.0	09.0	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-7.69
South Africa	0.10	0.14	0.10	0.09	1.58	2.48	1.90	2.11	0.16	0.35	0.19	0.19	00.0	0.00	-0.16	-46.02
Thailand	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	5.74	5.69	5.78	5.79	1.00	96.0	1.00	1.01	5.71	5.47	5.79	5.84	0.05	0.86	0.37	6.82

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TABLE 10

Rice Area, Yield, and Production

Country/Region	1	The same of the same of		Calculation of the Calculation	and a signal branches and a signal			Contraction of the last of the last			The state of the late of the l					
		Prel.	2000/	2000/01 Proj.		Pref.	2000/01 Proj.	Proj.		Prel.	200	2000/01 Proj.				*
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.		From last month	From last year	st year
		Million h	Million hectares		Metri	Metric tons per hectare	r hectare	41		Million metric tons	tric tons		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	152.41	154.69	151.46	151.85	3.84	3.92	3.91	3.91	394.14	407.76	397.78	399.25	1.48	0.37	-8.51	-2.09
United States	1.32	1.42	1.23	1.23	6.35	6.58	7.04	7.04	5.80	6.50	6.03	6.03	00.00	0.00	-0.48	-7.34
Total Foreign	151.09	153.27	150.23	150.62	3.82	3.90	3.88	3.89	388.34	401.26	391.75	393.23	1.48	0.38	-8.03	-2.00
Major Exporters	64.50	65.23	64.47	64.47	2.95	3.04	3.05	3.01	126.37	131.88	130.50	129.00	-1.50	-1.15	-2.88	-2.19
Vietnam	7.58	7.66	7.57	7.57	4.02	4.10	4.23	4.23	20.11	20.75	21.10	21.10		0.00	0.35	1.70
Thailand	9.90	10.08	10.05	10.05	2.39	2.48	2.50	2.50	15.59	16.50	16.60	16.60	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.61
India	44.60	44.97	44.60	44.60	2.89	2.98	2.98	2.93	86.00	89.48	88.50	87.00	-1.50	-1.69	-2.48	-2.77
Pakistan	2.42	2.52	2.25	2.25	2.89	3.08	2.87	2.87	4.67	5.16	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.86	-16.60
Major Importers	22.57	22.72	22.40	22.57	3.63	3.77	3.78	3.76	52.46	54.86	54.27	54.37	0.10	0.18	-0.48	-0.88
Indonesia	11.85	11.65	11.70	11.70	4.25	4.54	4.53	4.53	31.85	33.45	33.50	33.50	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.15
Brazil	3.70	3.65	3.55	3.55	3.13	3.13	3.07	3.07	7.88	7.77	7.40	7.40	0.00	0.00	-0.37	4.74
European Union	0.41	0.40	0.39	0.40	09.9	6.68	6.64	6.16	1.75	1.72	1.70	1.59	-0.11	-6.59	-0.13	-7.41
Iran	09.0	0.55	0.45	0.45	4.63	4.23	4.00	4.00	1.85	1.55	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.35	-22.58
Philippines	3.63	4.00	3.85	4.02	2.83	2.99	3.15	3.10	6.67	7.77	7.88	8.10	0.21	2.69	0.32	4.16
Nigeria	1.65	1.66	1.65	1.65	1.92	2.01	2.02	2.02	1.90	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Foreign	64.03	65.32	63.36	63.58	4.77	4.79	4.77	4.82	209.51	214.52	206.98	209.86	2.88	1.39	4.66	-2.17
China	31.21	31.28	30.00	30.00	6.37	6.34	6.33	6.33	139.10	138.94	133.00	133.00	0.00	0.00	-5.94	4.27
Burma	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.80	2.86	2.93	2.91	2.91	9.30	9.86	9.80	9.80	0.00	0.00	90.0-	-0.61
Bangladesh	69.6	10.71	10.50	10.70	3.07	3.23	3.04	3.36	19.85	23.07	21.30	24.00	2.70	12.68	0.93	4.05
Japan	1.80	1.79	1.77	1.77	6.22	6.41	6.70	6.70	8.15	8.35	8.64	8.64	0.00	0.00	0.29	3.43
South Korea	1.06	1.07	1.07	1.07	6.42	6.58	6.59	6.59	5.10	5.26	5.30	5.30	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.70
Egypt	0.50	0.65	0.65	0.65	8.33	8.91	9.23	9.23	2.65	3.79	3.90	3.90	0.00	0.00	0.11	2.98
Taiwan	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	5.19	5.46	5.46	5.46	1.31	1.40	1.40	1.40	00.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FSU-12	0.44	0.47	0.35	0.35	2.57	2.51	3.01	3.01	0.73	0.77	0.68	0.68	0.00	0.00	-0.09	-11.77
Russia	0.15	0.17	0.17	0.17	2.84	2.62	3.39	3.39	0.27	0.29	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.09	29.31
Australia	0.15	0.15	0.18	0.19	9.20	7.24	9.14	9.46	0.97	0.79	1.14	1.25	0.11	9.35	0.46	58.96
Others	13.22	13.04	12.68	12.69	2.60	2.63	2.65	2.65	22.34	22.30	21.82	21.89	0.07	0.32	-0.41	-1.84

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TABLE 11

Total Oilseed Area, Yield, and Production

		Area				Yield				Production	ction		ပ	Change in Production	roduction	
Country/Region		Prel.	2000/0	2000/01 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	01 Proj.				
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99 1	1999/00	Feb.		1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	month	From last year	st year
		Million hectares	ctares		Metric	Metric tons per hectare	hectare			Million metric tons	tric tons		MMT	Percent	MM	Percent
World Total 1/	:	:	1	ı	1	:	1	1	294.62	302.34	305.15	306.06	0.90	0.30	3.71	1.23
Total Foreign 1/	1	1	:	:	1	1	1	ı	210.26	220.03	219.90	220.80	0.90	0.41	0.77	0.35
Copra	1	1	:	1	:	1	1	1	4.32	5.38	5.65	5.65	0.00	0.00	0.27	4.94
Palm Kernel	i	:	:	ı	:	1	1	1	5.62	6.28	6.63	6.78	0.15	2.20	0.50	7.93
Major Oilseeds 2/	171.86	175.02	172.57	172.94	1.66	1.66	1.70	1.70	284.68	290.68	292.88	293.63	0.76	0.26	2.95	1.01
United States 2/	35.28	37.15	36.94	36.94	2.39	2.22	2.31	2.31	84.37	82.32	85.25	85.25	0.00	0.00	2.94	3.57
Foreign Oilseeds 2/	136.58	137.87	135.64	136.01	1.47	1.51	1.53	1.53	200.31	208.37	207.62	208.38	0.76	0.36	0.01	0.00
South America	29.18	29.31	29.82	29.87	2.22	2.31	2.37	2.40	64.67	67.81	70.61	71.59	0.98	1.38	3.77	5.56
Brazil	13.74	14.50	14.64	14.64	2.35	2.43	2.52	2.52	32.28	35.25	36.94	36.94	0.00	0.00	1.69	4.81
Argentina	13.04	12.60	12.71	12.76	2.13	2.22	2.26	2.33	27.80	27.97	28.73	29.73	1.00	3.48	1.76	6.31
Paraguay	1.43	1.40	1.57	1.57	2.24	2.22	2.12	2.12	3.20	3.10	3.34	3.34	0.00	0.00	0.24	7.72
China	24.42	24.21	26.05	26.55	1.84	1.89	1.86	1.83	44.90	45.76	48.54	48.64	0.10	0.21	2.88	6.29
India	32.54	30.37	29.62	29.42	0.77	0.73	0.75	0.74	25.02	22.28	22.08	21.68	0.40	-1.81	0.61	-2.72
European Union	0.40	5.04 2.04) O. C	79.0	2.3/	2.52	2.48	2.48	15.17	16.50	14./9	14.79	0.00	0.00	-1.71	-10.39
Italy	0.79	0.57	0.55	0.55	2.07	2.39	2.31	2.31	2.00	1.36	1.27	1 27	0.00	0000	900	-13.70
Germany	1.05	1.24	1.13	1.13	3.33	3.48	3.21	3.21	3.48	4.31	3.64	3.64	0.00	0.00	-0.67	-15.52
Spain	1.14	1.01	0.99	0.99	1.16	0.82	1.42	1.42	1.33	0.82	1.41	1.41	0.00	0.00	0.59	71.59
United Kingdom	0.53	0.54	0.45	0.45	2.95	3.23	2.67	2.67	1.57	1.73	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.53	-30.76
FSU-12	10.24	12.34	11.30	11.30	0.88	0.89	1.00	1.00	9.00	11.02	11.34	11.34	0.00	0.00	0.32	2.87
Russia	4.66	6.21	5.10	2.10	0.73	0.74	0.86	98.0	3.42	4.62	4.40	4.40	0.00	0.00	-0.22	4.74
Ukraine	2.52	3.05	3.11	3.11	0.94	96.0	1.20	1.20	2.37	2.91	3.73	3.73	0.00	0.00	0.82	28.05
Uzbekistan	1.49	1.50	1.42	1.42	1.35	1.43	1.33	1.33	2.00	2.15	1.88	1.88	0.00	0.00	-0.28	-12.79
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.53	0.53	0.87	0.88	0.72	0.72	0.42	0.42	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-9.52
Canada	6.48	6.65	5.95	5.95	1.62	1.76	1.67	1.67	10.49	11.70	9.94	9.94	0.00	0.00	-1.76	-15.01
Indonesia	1.77	1.81	1.84	1.84	1.27	1.30	1.32	1.32	2.24	2.36	2.43	2.43	0.00	0.00	0.02	2.97
Pakistan	3.47	3.49	3.50	3.50	1.06	1.24	1.15	1.15	3.67	4.32	4.02	4.02	0.00	0.00	-0.31	-7.10
Eastern Europe	3.15	3.91	3.12	3.17	1.63	1.62	1.46	1.44	5.12	6.34	4.54	4.58	0.04	0.88	-1.76	-27.73
Poland	0.47	0.55	0.42	0.42	2.36	2.08	2.14	2.26	1.10	1.13	06.0	0.95	0.05	5.56	-0.18	-16.08
Romania	0.97	1.13	0.90	96.0	1.21	1.29	0.87	0.81	1.17	1.46	0.78	0.77	-0.01	-1.28	-0.69	47.08
Hungary	0.50	0.76	0.48	0.48	1.65	1.56	1.47	1.47	0.83	1.19	0.71	0.71	0.00	0.00	-0.48	40.51
Turkey	1.34	1.31	1.28	1.26	1.54	1.59	1.49	1.49	2.06	2.09	1.90	1.88	-0.02	-1.32	-0.21	-10.29
Philippines	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.70
Mexico	0.40	0.33	0.25	0.25	1.57	1.50	1.47	1.47	0.63	0.49	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	-0.12	-24.90
Others	17.19	17.58	16.92	16.91	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.01	17.32	17.67	17.05	17.11	90.0	0.37	-0.55	-3.14

1/ Major oilseeds plus copra and palm kernel. 2/ Individual countries and regions include soybean, cottonseed, peanut (inshell), sunflowerseed, and rapeseed.

TABLE 12

Soybean Area, Yield, and Production

ry/Region		17-0	0,000					And the second							STREET, STREET	
		٦. <u>.</u>	2000/01	1 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Proj.		Pref.	2000/01	of Proj.				
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	month	From last year	st year
		Million hectares	ctares		Me	Metric tons per hectare	hectare		~	Million metric tons	ric tons		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	71.16	71.89	74.78	74.91	2.25	2.22	2.25	2.26	159.75	159.44	168.54	169.58	1.04	0.61	10.14	6.36
United States	28.51	29.32	29.43	29.43	2.62	2.46	2.56	2.56	74.60	72.22	75.38	75.38	0.00	0.00	3.15	4.37
Total Foreign	42.65	42.57	45.35	45.48	2.00	2.05	2.05	2.07	85.15	87.21	93.16	94.20	1.04	1.1	6.99	8.01
Major Exporters	22.27	23.32	24.65	24.70	2.44	2.49	2.54	2.57	54.30	58.10	62.60	63.60	1.00	1.60	5.50	9.47
Brazil	12.90	13.60	13.60	13.60	2.43	2.50	2.61	2.61	31.30	34.00	35.50	35.50	0.00	0.00	1.50	4.41
Argentina	8.17	8.57	9.80	9.85	2.45	2.47	2.45	2.54	20.00	21.20	24.00	25.00	1.00	4.17	3.80	17.92
Paraguay	1.20	1.15	1.25	1.25	2.50	2.52	2.48	2.48	3.00	2.90	3.10	3.10	0.00	00.0	0.20	6.90
Other Foreign	20.38	19.25	20.70	20.78	1.51	1.51	1.48	1.47	30.85	29.11	30.56	30.60	0.04	0.11	1.49	5.10
China	8.50	8.18	9.30	9.30	1.78	1.75	1.66	1.69	15.15	14.29	15.40	15.70	0.30	1.95	1.41	9.87
India	6.35	5.65	5.70	5.80	0.94	0.92	96.0	0.91	00.9	5.20	5.50	5.30	-0.20	-3.64	0.10	1.92
Canada	0.98	1.00	1.06	1.06	2.79	2.77	2.55	2.55	2.74	2.78	2.70	2.70	00.0	0.00	-0.07	-2.63
Indonesia	1.10	1.14	1.17	1.17	1.19	1.19	1.21	1.21	1.30	1.36	1.42	1.42	0.00	0.00	90.0	4.41
Eastern Europe	0.28	0.24	0.30	0.30	1.76	2.08	1.42	1.39	0.48	0.51	0.42	0.41	-0.01	-2.38	-0.10	-19.13
European Union	0.52	0.37	0.36	0.36	2.95	3.12	3.00	3.00	1.54	1.14	1.09	1.09	00.0	0.00	-0.05	4.74
FSU-12	0.41	0.48	0.51	0.51	0.82	0.79	0.82	0.82	0.33	0.38	0.42	0.42	00.0	0.00	0.04	10.82
Russia	0.38	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.79	92'0	0.78	0.78	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.35	00.0	0.00	0.02	4.79
Ukraine	0.03	0.04	90.0	90.0	1.16	1.07	1.09	1.09	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.07	00.0	0.00	0.03	55.56
Mexico	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.08	1.59	1.57	1.38	1.38	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.11	00.0	0.00	-0.01	-11.29
Thailand	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	1.52	1.50	1.43	1.43	0.34	0.33	0.33	0.33	00.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
North Korea	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	1.13	1.00	1.13	1.13	0.34	0.30	0.34	0.34	00.00	0.00	0.04	13.33
Japan	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	1.45	1.73	1.73	1.73	0.16	0.19	0.19	0.19	00.00	0.00	0.00	1.60
Bolivia	0.63	0.59	0.59	0.59	1.54	2.04	2.03	2.03	96.0	1.20	1.20	1.20	00.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Korea	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	1.43	1.33	1.50	1.31	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.11	-0.02	-16.30	-0.00	-2.59
Colombia	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	2.17	2.21	2.14	2.00	90.0	90.0	0.08	0.05	-0.02	-30.67	-0.01	-16.13
Others	0.78	0.79	0.87	0.86	1.48	1.45	1.42	1.43	1.16	1.14	1.23	1.22	-0.01	-0.81	0.08	7.18

TABLE 13

Cottonseed Area, Yield, and Production

		Area				Yield				Production	ion	,	0	Change in Production	roduction	
Country/Region		Prel.	2000/0	2000/01 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	1 Proj.				
-	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	t month	From last year	st year
		1													1	
		Million nectares	gares		Men	Methe tons per nectare	пестаге			Million metric tons	ric tons		<u>-</u> E	Percent	E E	Percent
World	31.94	31.36	30.90	30.90	1.02	1.04	1.07	1.07	32.66	32.74	33.16	33.19	0.03	0.09	0.45	1.36
United States	4.32	5.43	5.30	5.30	1.13	1.06	1.10	1.10	4.87	5.76	5.84	5.84	00.00	00.00	0.08	1.34
Total Foreign	27.62	25.92	25.60	25.60	1.01	1.04	1.07	1.07	27.79	26.98	27.32	27.35	0.03	0.11	0.37	1.37
China	4.46	3.73	4.00	4.00	1.82	1.85	1.96	1.96	8.10	6.90	7.84	7.84	0.00	0.00	0.94	13.62
FSU-12	2.50	2.49	2.45	2.45	1.13	1.20	1.10	1.10	2.83	2.99	2.70	2.70	00.00	00.00	-0.30	-9.93
Uzbekistan	1.49	1.50	1.42	1.42	1.35	1.43	1.33	1.33	2.00	2.15	1.88	1.88	00.00	0.00	-0.28	-12.79
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.53	0.53	0.87	0.88	0.72	0.72	0.42	0.42	0.38	0.38	00.00	00.00	-0.04	-9.52
India	9.29	8.79	8.32	8.32	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59	5.47	5.17	4.88	4.88	00.00	00.00	-0.30	-5.71
Pakistan	2.92	2.92	2.99	2.99	1.07	1.28	1.17	1.17	3.13	3.75	3.50	3.50	00.0	00.00	-0.24	-6.54
Brazil	0.69	0.75	0.89	0.89	1.14	1.42	1.40	1.40	0.78	1.07	1.25	1.25	00.00	00.0	0.18	17.26
Turkey	0.76	0.72	0.67	0.67	1.66	1.60	1.75	1.75	1.26	1.15	1.18	1.18	00.00	00.00	0.02	2.17
African Franc Zone	2.21	2.27	1.94	1.94	99.0	0.62	0.62	0.62	1.47	1.41	1.20	1.20	00.00	00.0	-0.21	-14.57
Australia	0.56	0.46	0.49	0.49	1.76	2.26	2.16	2.23	0.99	1.05	1.05	1.08	0.03	2.86	0.03	3.15
Egypt	0.28	0.27	0.23	0.23	1.36	1.37	1.42	1.42	0.38	0.38	0.32	0.32	00.00	00.00	-0.06	-14.67
Argentina	0.65	0.33	0.48	0.48	0.55	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.36	0.24	0.36	0.36	00.00	00.00	0.12	50.00
Paraguay	0.17	0.20	0.30	0.30	09.0	0.62	0.68	0.68	0.10	0.12	0.21	0.21	00.00	00.0	0.08	69.42
Greece	0.41	0.43	0.40	0.40	1.39	1.55	1.63	1.63	0.57	0.67	0.65	0.65	00.00	00.00	-0.02	-2.26
Syria	0.28	0.25	0.25	0.25	2.51	2.67	3.00	3.00	69.0	0.65	0.75	0.75	00.00	00.00	0.10	14.85
Mexico	0.22	0.15	0.07	0.07	1.63	1.51	1.62	1.62	0.36	0.23	0.12	0.12	00.00	00.00	-0.11	47.83
Iran	0.23	0.21	0.23	0.23	0.81	0.90	0.83	0.83	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	00.00	00.00	00.00	0.00
Sudan	0.15	0.23	0.16	0.16	0.85	0.55	0.84	0.84	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.13	00.00	00.00	0.01	5.69
Others	1.85	1.73	1.76	1.76	0.54	0.52	0.57	0.57	0.99	06.0	1.00	1.00	00.00	00.00	0.10	11.17

TABLE 14

Peanut Area, Yield, and Production

		Area				Yield				Production	ion		S	Change in Production	roduction	
Country/Region		Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	f Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	Proj.		Prel.	2000/0	2000/01 Proj.				
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar. 1	1998/99 1	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	t month	From last year	t year
		Million hectares	tares		Metri	Metric tons per hectare	hectare		2	Million metric tons	ic tons		MM	Percent	MM	Percent
World	21.23	21.60	21.99	22.00	1.40	1.35	1.36	1.36	29.82	29.15	29.95	29.97	0.02	90.0	0.82	2.81
United States	0.59	0.58	0.53	0.53	3.03	2.99	2.80	2.80	1.80	1.74	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	-0.25	-14.16
Total Foreign	20.63	21.02	21.45	21.47	1.36	1.30	1.33	1.33	28.02	27.41	28.46	28.48	0.02	0.02	1.06	3.88
China	4.04	4.27	4.50	4.50	2.94	2.96	2.89	2.89	11.89	12.64	13.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	2.86
India	8.10	8.00	8.10	8.10	0.92	69.0	0.75	0.75	7.45	5.50	6.10	6.10	0.00	0.00	09.0	10.91
Indonesia	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	1.43	1.52	1.54	1.54	0.93	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.01
Senegal	0.52	09.0	0.62	0.62	1.04	1.08	1.10	1.10	0.54	0.65	0.68	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.03	4.62
Burma	0.45	0.49	0.49	0.49	1.21	1.15	1.15	1.15	0.54	0.56	0.56	0.56	00.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sudan	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zaire	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.75	0.76	0.76	92.0	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	00.00	0.00	0.00	00.00
Argentina	0.32	0.22	0.23	0.23	1.06	1.98	1.61	1.61	0.34	0.43	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	90.0-	-12.94
Nigeria	1.19	1.20	1.21	1.21	1.20	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.43	1.45	1.47	1.47	0.00	0.00	0.02	1.38
Vietnam	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Africa	0.10	0.08	0.14	0.16	1.45	1.93	1.62	1.56	0.14	0.16	0.23	0.25	0.05	8.70	0.09	56.25
Thailand	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.10	1.61	1.63	1.63	1.63	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Burkina Faso	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.02	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.33
Brazil	0.09	0.09	60.0	0.09	1.89	1.67	1.78	1.78	0.17	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.01	6.67
Central African Rep.	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	1.02	1.10	1.10	1.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cameroon	0.32	0.42	0.42	0.45	0.28	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.09	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	00.0	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mexico	0.00	0.09	0.10	0.10	1.41	1.44	1.44	1.44	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.00	00.00	0.00	1.48
Gambia	0.07	0.11	0.11	0.11	1.04	1.09	1.09	1.09	0.07	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	00.00	0.00
Others	2.78	2.88	2.88	2.87	0.91	0.92	0.92	0.92	2.53	2.66	2.65	2.65	-0.00	-0.04	-0.01	-0.34

TABLE 15

Sunflowerseed Area, Yield, and Production World and Selected Countries and Regions

*		Area				Yield		÷		Production	ion		Ch	Change in Production	roductic	u
Country/Region	÷.	Prel.	2000/01	l Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	1 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	1 Proj.				
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	t month	From k	From last year
		Million hectares	tares		Meti	Metric tons per hectare	r hectare		Σ	Million metric tons	ic tons		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	21.94	23.34	19.60	19.82	1.21	1.16	1.21	1.18	26.61	27.06	23.63	23.40	-0.23	-0.97	-3.66	-13.53
United States	1.41	1.39	1.06	1.06	1.69	1.41	1.53	1.53	2.39	1.97	1.63	1.63	0.00	0.00	-0.34	-17.42
Total Foreign	20.53	21.95	18.53	18.76	1.18	1.14	1.19	1.16	24.22	25.10	22.01	21.78	-0.23	-1.05	-3.32	-13.22
FSU-12	6.89	8.74	7.68	7.68	0.80	0.83	1.02	1.02	5.55	7.26	7.81	7.81	0.00	0.00	0.55	7.51
Russia	4.09	5.53	4.40	4.40	0.73	0.75	0.89	0.89	3.00	4.15	3.90	3.90	0.00	0.00	-0.25	-6.02
Ukraine	2.40	2.78	2.80	2.80	0.94	0.98	1.25	1.25	2.27	2.72	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00	0.78	28.68
Argentina	3.91	3.48	2.20	2.20	1.82	1.75	1.82	1.82	7.10	6.10	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	-2.10	-34.43
European Union	2.24	2.05	1.97	1.97	1.52	1.57	1.88	1.88	3.40	3.21	3.69	3.69	0.00	0.00	0.48	14.89
France	0.81	0.83	0.75	0.75	5.09	2.30	2.47	2.47	1.68	1.91	1.85	1.85	0.00	0.00	90.0-	-3.14
Spain	0.99	0.84	0.86	0.86	1.11	69.0	1.40	1.40	1.10	0.58	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.62	107.25
Italy	0.31	0.26	0.25	0.25	1.31	2.00	1.80	1.80	0.41	0.52	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-12.62
Eastern Europe	2.03	2.45	1.85	1.91	1.32	1.31	1.10	1.07	2.68	3.21	2.04	2.04	0.00	0.00	-1.17	-36.39
Hungary	0.43	0.53	0.32	0.32	1.65	1.50	1.41	1.41	0.71	0.80	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	-0.35	-43.40
Romania	0.82	1.05	0.80	0.86	1.18	1.24	0.88	0.82	0.97	1.30	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00	-0.60	-46.15
Yugoslavia	0.20	0.23	0.18	0.18	1.78	1.53	1.72	1.72	0.36	0.36	0.31	0.31	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-12.81
Bulgaria	0.50	0.52	0.45	0.45	1.00	1.10	0.89	0.89	0.50	0.57	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00	-0.17	-29.82
Czech Rep.	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.03	2.18	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.04	90.0	90.0	90.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
China	0.89	1.14	0.85	1.00	1.65	1.58	1.53	1.10	1.47	1.80	1.30	1.10	-0.20	-15.38	-0.70	-38.89
India	2.20	2.30	2.10	2.10	0.55	0.57	0.57	0.57	1.20	1.30	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-7.69
Turkey	0.52	0.54	0.54	0.54	1.25	1.48	1.06	1.06	0.65	0.80	0.58	0.58	0.00	0.00	-0.23	-28.13
South Africa	0.83	0.40	0.47	0.50	1.34	1.34	1.13	1.06	1.11	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-0.19
Australia	0.17	0.12	0.10	60.0	1.25	1.23	1.10	0.89	0.21	0.15	0.11	0.08	-0.03	-27.27	-0.07	-45.58
Burma	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.73	0.61	0.65	0.65	1.05	1.07	1.02	1.02	0.77	0.65	0.67	0.67	-0.00	-0.00	0.02	2.93

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Rapeseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region		Area				Yield				Production	lon		ت ا	Change in Production	roductio	× × × 0
		Prel.	2000/01	1 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01 Proj	l Proj.		Prel.	2000/01 Proj	1 Proj.				
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99 1999/00	00/666	Feb.	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	t month	From la	From last year
		Million hectares	tares		Metric	Metric tons per hectare	hectare		Σ	Million metric tons	ic tons		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	25.59	26.83	25.31	25.31	1.40	1.58	1.49	1.48	35.85	42.29	37.60	37.50	-0.10	-0.26	4.79	-11.34
United States	0.44	0.45	0.61	0.61	1.62	1.46	1.50	1.50	0.71	0.62	0.92	0.92	0.00	0.00	0.30	47.67
Total Foreign	25.16	26.40	24.69	24.69	1.40	1.58	1.49	1.48	35.14	41.67	36.68	36.58	-0.10	-0.27	-5.09	-12.22
India	6.60	5.64	5.40	5.10	0.74	0.91	0.81	0.82	4.90	5.11	4.40	4.20	-0.20	4.55	-0.91	-17.81
China	6.53	6.90	7.40	7.75	1.27	1.47	1.49	1.42	8.30	10.13	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.87	8.57
Canada	5.43	5.56	4.82	4.82	1.41	1.58	1.48	1.48	7.64	8.80	7.12	7.12	0.00	0.00	-1.68	-19.08
European Union	3.13	3.58	3.16	3.16	3.04	3.16	2.92	2.92	9.51	11.32	9.22	9.22	0.00	0.00	-2.10	-18.52
France	1.14	1.36	1.20	1.20	3.25	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.70	4.40	3.60	3.60	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-18.18
Germany	1.01	1.20	1.10	1.10	3.36	3.51	3.23	3.23	3.39	4.21	3.55	3.55	0.00	0.00	99.0-	-15.72
United Kingdom	0.53	0.54	0.45	0.45	2.95	3.23	2.67	2.67	1.57	1.73	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.53	-30.76
Denmark	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.15	3.07	2.70	2.97	2.97	0.36	0.38	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.05	12.27
Sweden	90.0	0.08	0.05	0.05	2.25	2.31	2.40	2.40	0.12	0.18	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	90.0-	-33.33
Eastern Europe	0.84	1.21	0.97	0.97	2.33	2.17	2.14	2.20	1.97	2.62	2.08	2.13	0.05	2.40	-0.49	-18.80
Poland	0.47	0.55	0.42	0.42	2.36	2.08	2.14	2.26	1.10	1.13	06.0	0.95	0.05	5.56	-0.18	-16.08
Czech Rep.	0.27	0.35	0.33	0.33	2.57	2.67	2.62	2.62	0.68	0.93	0.85	0.85	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-8.70
Australia	1.25	1.92	1.35	1.30	1.36	1.27	1.19	1.27	1.69	2.43	1.60	1.65	0.05	3.12	-0.78	-31.99
FSU-12	0.44	0.62	99.0	99.0	0.67	0.63	0.64	0.64	0.29	0.39	0.42	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.03	6.87
Russia	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.64	0.55	09.0	09.0	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.05	11.11
Pakistan	0.34	0.33	0.30	0.30	0.86	0.85	0.87	0.87	0.29	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-7.80
Bangladesh	0.34	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.25	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.00	00.00	0.00
Others	0.26	0.29	0.29	0.29	1.11	1.12	1.08	1.08	0.29	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.00	0.32	-0.01	-2.82

TABLE 17
Copra, Palm Kernel, and Palm Oil Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

		Product	ion		(Change in Pr	oduction	
Country/Region		Prel.	2000	/01 Proj.				
	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last	month	From las	t year
		Million metr	ic tons		ММТ	Percent	MMT	Percent
COPRA								
World	4.32	5.38	5.65	5.65	0.00	0.00	0.27	4.94
Philippines	1.35	2.35	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.15	6.38
Indonesia	1.29	1.32	1.38	1.38	0.00	0.00	0.06	4.55
India	0.70	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.02	3.45
Mexico	0.21	0.20	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.03	16.26
Sri Lanka	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vietnam	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malaysia	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-11.76
Others	0.52	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PALM KERNEL								
World	5.62	6.28	6.63	6.78	0.15	2.20	0.50	7.93
Malaysia	2.79	3.08	3.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.32	10.43
Indonesia	1.71	2.00	2.00	2.18	0.18	9.00	0.18	9.00
Nigeria	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.32	-0.03	-8.57	-0.03	-8.57
Cote d'Ivoire	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	-0.01	-13.64	-0.00	-3.39
Colombia	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.01	4.76	0.01	8.91
Thailand	0.08	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.97
Zaire	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.56
Others	0.45	0.46	0.48	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.02	3.49
PALM OIL								
World	19.20	21.33	22.68	23.17	0.49	2.18	1.84	8.65
Malaysia	9.76	10.49	11.70	11.70	0.00	0.00	1.21	11.52
Indonesia	5.80	6.80	6.80	7.40	0.60	8.82	0.60	8.82
Nigeria	0.74	0.76	0.80	0.73	-0.07	-8.75	-0.03	-3.95
Cote d'Ivoire	0.31	0.28	0.32	0.27	-0.04	-14.29	-0.01	-3.57
Colombia	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.01	1.96	0.02	4.00
Thailand	0.40	0.71	0.72	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.84
Zaire	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.94
Others	1.32	1.41	1.44	1.44	-0.00	-0.00	0.04	2.49

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TABLE 18

Cotton Area, Yield, and Production

		Area	E			Yield				Production	tion		S	hange in	Change in Production	u
Country/Region		Prel.	2000/	2000/01 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	1 Proj.		Prel.	2000/01	01 Proj.				
-	1998/99	1998/99 1999/00	Feb.	Mar	1998/99	1999/00	Feb,	Mar.	1998/99	1999/00	Feb.	Mar.	From last month	month	From I	From last year
		Million hectares	ctares		Kilog	Kilograms per hectare	hectare	a :		Million 480 lb. bales	lb. bales		MBales	Percent	MBales	Percent
World	32.96	32.35	31.92	31.94	561	587	601	601	84.88	87.21	88.06	88.16	0.10	0.11	0.95	1.09
United States	4.32	5.43	5.30	5.30	701	680	707	707	13.92	16.97	17.22	17.22	0.00	0.00	0.25	1.49
Total Foreign	28.64	26.91	26.62	26.64	540	568	579	580	70.96	70.24	70.84	70.94	0.10	0.14	0.70	1.00
Major Exporters	15.48	14.49	14.76	14.78	695	748	757	757	49.39	49.81	51.30	51.40	0.10	0.19	1.59	3.19
China	4.46	3.73	4.00	4.00	1,011	1,028	1,089	1,089	20.70	17.60	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	2.40	13.64
Pakistan	2.92	2.92	2.99	2.99	469	642	591	591	6.30	8.60	8.10	8.10	0.00	0.00	-0.50	-5.81
Sudan	0.15	0.23	0.24	0.24	363	232	324	324	0.25	0.24	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.11	45.83
Turkey	0.76	0.72	0.67	0.67	1,110	1,100	1,202	1,202	3.86	3.63	3.70	3.70	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.82
FSU-12	2.50	2.49	2.45	2.45	574	638	268	568	09.9	7.31	6.38	6.38	0.00	0.00	-0.92	-12.66
Uzbekistan	1.49	1.50	1.42	1.42	674	752	662	662	4.60	5.18	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.88	-16.99
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.53	0.53	435	481	394	394	0.95	1.05	0.95	0.95	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-9.52
Other	0.54	0.52	0.51	0.51	421	454	485	485	1.05	1.08	1.13	1.13	0.00	0.00	0.05	5.12
Egypt	0.28	0.27	0.23	0.23	816	841	890	890	1.05	1.06	0.92	0.92	0.00	0.00	-0.13	-12.80
African Franc Zone	2.35	2.40	2.06	2.06	374	353	351	351	4.03	3.89	3.33	3.33	0.00	0.00	-0.57	-14.61
Southern Hemisphere	2.06	1.74	2.14	2.16	969	935	869	871	09.9	7.48	8.53	8.63	0.10	1.17	1.14	15.28
Argentina	0.65	0.33	0.48	0.48	308	405	420	420	0.92	0.62	0.93	0.93	0.00	0.00	0.31	50.41
Australia	0.56	0.46	0.47	0.49	1,274	1,595	1,545	1,526	3.29	3.40	3.30	3.40	0.10	3.03	00.00	0.00
Brazil	69.0	0.75	0.89	0.89	299	868	905	902	2.10	3.10	3.70	3.70	0.00	0.00	09.0	19.35
Paraguay	0.17	0.20	0.30	0.30	380	410	435	435	0.29	0.37	09.0	09.0	00.0	0.00	0.23	63.49
Major Importers	0.56	09.0	0.54	0.54	206	976	981	981	2.35	2.67	2.43	2.43	0.00	0.00	-0.24	-9.13
Other Foreign	12.59	11.83	11.32	11.32	332	327	329	329	19.22	17.76	17.11	17.11	0.00	0.00	-0.64	-3.63
India	9.29	8.79	8.30	8.30	302	302	302	302	12.88	12.18	11.50	11.50	0.00	0.00	-0.68	-5.58
Others	3.31	3.04	3.02	3.02	418	400	404	404	6.34	5.58	5.61	5.61	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.65

TABLE 19

The table below presents a 19-year record of the differences between the March projection and the final estimate. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the March projection and the final estimate have averaged 2.8 million tons (0.5 percent) and ranged from -8.0 to 6.9 million tons. The March projection has been below the final 13 times and above the final 6 times.

RELIABILITY OF PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

COMMODITY AND REGION	PROJECTION AND FINAL ESTIMATES, 1981/82 - 1999/00 1/					
	Difference		Lowest	Highest	Below	Above
	Average	Average	Differe	nce	Final	Final
	Percent	Mil	lion metric tons		Number of years 2/	
WHEAT						
World	0.5	2.8	-8.0	6.9	13	6
U.S.	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	8	5
Foreign	0.6	2.7	-8.0	6.9	12	6
COARSE GRAINS 3/						
World	0.8	7.0	-17.3	10.9	14	5
U.S.	0.1	0.1	-0.2	1.3	9	5
Foreign	1.1	6.4	-17.3	10.9	13	5
RICE (Milled)						
World	1.2	4.2	-13.7	2.3	16	3
U.S.	0.9	0.0	-0.2	0.2	5	2
Foreign	1.1	3.5	-9.9	2.3	15	3
SOYBEANS						
World	1.5	1.7	-4.2	2.6	11	8
U.S.	1.0	0.6	-1.6	1.8	8	8
Foreign	2.4	1.4	-4.6	2.6	11	7
	Million 480-lb. bales					
COTTON						
World	1.2	1.0	-2.9	3.0	10	8
U.S.	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.3	5	13
Foreign	1.4	1.0	-3.2	2.9	10	7
UNITED STATES	Million bushels					
CORN	0.1	2	-8	38	1	1
SORGHUM	0.1	0	0	4	0	2
BARLEY	0.4	2	-3	11	8	3
OATS	0.1	0	-2	1	3	2

^{1/} The final estimate for 1981/82-1999/00 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year.

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^{2/} May not total 19 if projection was the same as the final.

^{3/} Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet, and mixed grain.

WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

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improved in the Sierra Nevada, but worsened from southern Plains to the Great Lakes region, causing Spring runoff and summer water-supply prospects southern Atlantic region. Drought-stricken Florida remained especially dry, maintaining heavy citrus irrigation requirements. Meanwhile, the return of across the South spurred pasture and winter grain south, including areas from southern Texas to the snow-covered western Corn Belt. Warm weather east, wet weather prevailed from the central and crossing southern California and the Southwest. lowland flooding and leaving standing water in some winter wheat fields. Heavy rain fell as far the Cascades to the northern Rockies. Farther bitterly cold weather increased livestock stress Valleys, but dry conditions prevailed just to the During February, storm systems continued to bypass the snow-deficient Northwest, instead east as the Tennessee and lower Mississippi across the northern Plains and deeply growth.

2 - SOUTH AMERICA

maintained favorable soil moisture for filling soybeans below-normal February rainfall across most of Minas rainfall. In southern Cordoba, below-normal rainfall ate-February reduced topsoil moisture for summer dryness was alleviated by widespread early March plentiful January and early February rainfall. The reduced soil moisture for filling corn. In southern Brazil, near- to above-normal February rainfall crops, but subsoil moisture was adequate due to Gerais and Bahia reduced moisture supplies for n central Argentina, dry weather during mid- to across the major growing areas. However, summer crops and cocoa:

northeastern Europe, snow cover protected winter grains southeastern Europe improved moisture supplies locally, grains. Although cold weather occasionally spread over but hampered fieldwork and caused flooding. Abovefavorable overwintering conditions for dormant winter penin'sula, frequent rainfall increased reservoir levels, normal precipitation kept topsoils too wet in southern England and the Benelux countries. Precipitation in In February, unseasonably mild weather maintained but widespread rain is needed to end the drought. from potential winterkill. In the western Iberian



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eased long-term dryness and boosted moisture reserves in In February, overwintering conditions remained favorable deep snow cover in northern Russia. Since early March, Ukraine and southern Russia and provided an unusually for dormant winter grains. Above-normal precipitation unseasonably mild weather in Ukraine and southern Russia melted snow cover.

grains. Well below-normal precipitation along with above-normal temperatures significantly depleted available soil moisture in Morocco, especially in the south. precipitation, decreasing available soil moisture for winter 5 - NORTHWESTERN AFRICA In February, most areas received below-normal

dominate the winter wheat areas of central Turkey and Iran, inducing early greening and increasing early crop 6 - MIDDLE EAST AND TURKEY
Warmer- and drier-than-normal weather continued to eastern Turkey improved summer irrigation potential moisture demands. Above-normal precipitation in along the Tigris and Euphrates river systems.

7 - SOUTH ASIA

rainfed winter grains and oilseeds. Showers weather created unfavorable conditions for in eastern India and Bangladesh boosted rrigation reserves for winter-grown rice. In February, unseasonably warm, dry

8 - EASTERN ASIA

During February, above-normal precipitation rain will be needed as the growing season winter crops across the North China Plain. scattered rainfall provided some moisture for winter crops and sugarcane, but more continued to boost moisture supplies for winter wheat to begin losing winter hardiness by late February. Across the In this region, warmer weather caused Yangtze Valley and southern China, progresses.

9 - SOUTHEAST ASIA

rainfall occurred. Java, Indonesia received n February, seasonably warm, dry weather continued in Thailand, while cooler, wetter to above-normal rainfall benefited oil palm eastern Philippines, where above-normal remained problematic throughout the reducing available moisture for rice. near- to below-normal precipitation, conditions prevailed in Vietnam. n peninsular Malaysia.

10 - AUSTRALIA

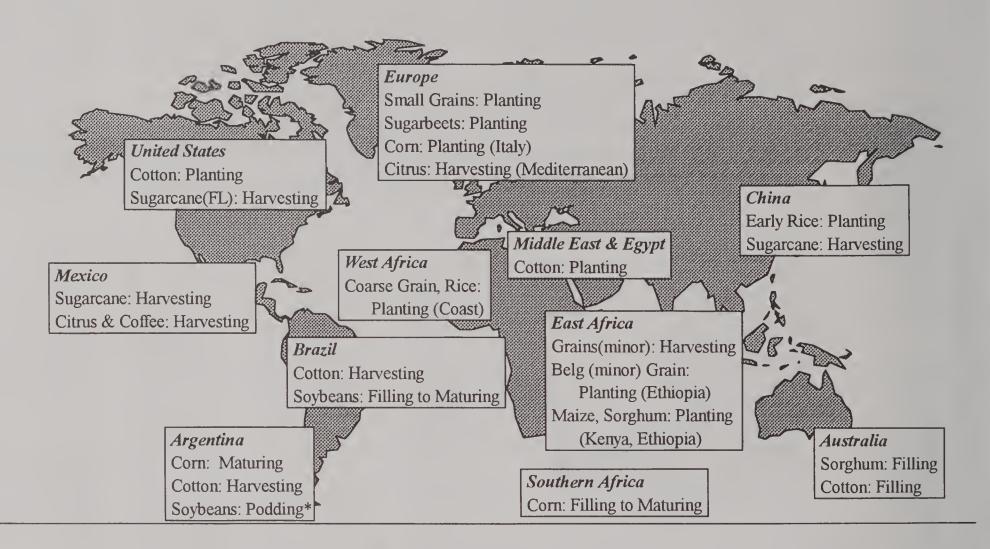
Recent showers in New South Wales caused Nestern Australia has increased moisture reserves for immature summer crops and mid-February, unseasonably heavy rain in some concern for maturing cotton. Since grazing.

11 - SOUTH AFRICA

In mid-February, widespread, soaking rain increased irrigation demands of orchards, stabilized conditions for reproductive to Warmth and dryness in the southwest illing corn and other summer crops. ineyards, and vegetables.

March Normal Crop Calendar

Summer crops



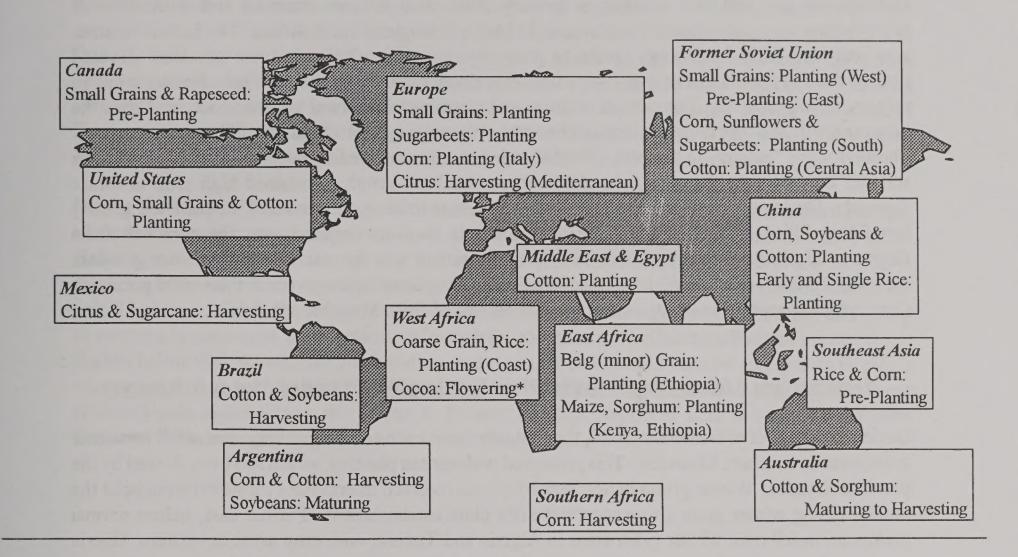
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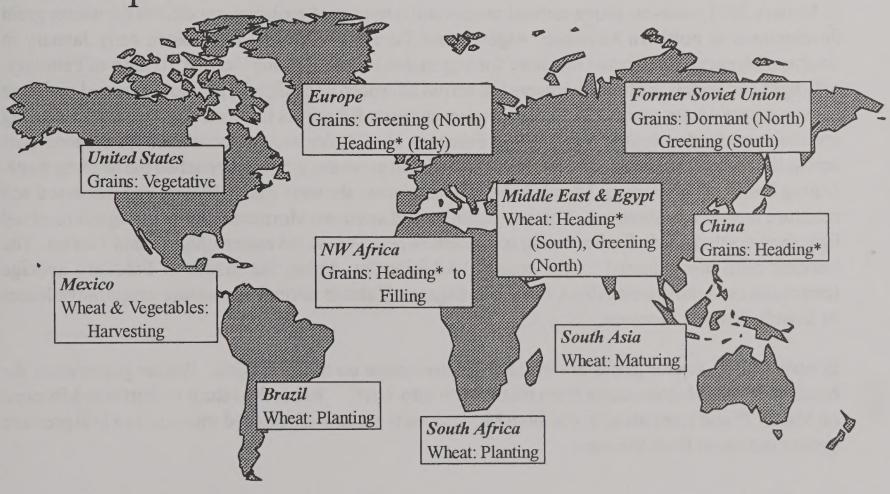
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April Normal Crop Calendar

Summer crops



Winter crops



* Moisture / Temperature Sensitive Stage of Development

WEATHER BRIEFS

South Africa: Showers Stabilize Conditions Across the Corn Belt

Unfavorably dry and hot weather in January 2001 reduced soil moisture and stressed early reproductive corn and summer crops across the Maize Triangle of South Africa. The hottest weather was recorded early in January, prior to crop reproduction. Temperatures remained elevated throughout the month and showers were unevenly distributed across the corn belt, forcing crops to rely on subsoil reserves. The pattern of drier- and warmer-than-normal weather continued over the western portions of the corn belt through February 10, stressing reproductive to filling summer crops. Showers were "patchy" in the east. The following week, scattered showers helped stabilize filling summer crops across the corn belt, although seasonable warmth maintained high crop moisture demands. During the week of February 18 - 24, moderate to heavy rain covered the corn belt, greatly benefitting filling summer crops. Light-to-moderate showers lingered over the corn belt from February 25 through March 3, but mostly dry weather was forecast for the following week. Additional March rainfall will be critical in helping filling summer crops reach their yield potential. Corn typically reaches maturity in April and is harvested from May through July.

Northwestern Africa: Winter Grains Near Heading With Limited Moisture Reserves

During the last half of December 2000, the first substantial rains of the growing season fell on winter grain areas in southern Morocco. This prompted widespread planting, which had been slowed by the previous dryness. Winter grains in northern Morocco received intermittent showers throughout the month, aiding winter grain emergence and early plant establishment. Farther east, below-normal precipitation fell over winter grain areas in Algeria and Tunisia, with crop areas in western Algeria receiving less than 50 percent of normal rainfall. Although the dryness in these areas favored fieldwork for winter grain planting, it reduced moisture needed for crop emergence and establishment. In January 2001, near- to above-normal precipitation improved moisture conditions for winter grain development in northern Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. A drying trend since early January in southern Morocco has limited moisture for vegetative crops. During the first 10 days of February, only light and widely scattered showers fell across Morocco and Algeria, providing limited moisture for vegetative winter grains. In Tunisia, heavy showers fell across the winter grain area, increasing soil moisture for developing crops. From February 11 - 24, dry weather continued for the most part across the region. Soil moisture was becoming critical as winter grains approached the heading stage. During February 25 through March 3, light-to-moderate showers eased dryness and increased soil moisture in northern Morocco. This rain again missed southern Morocco. Western Algeria received light showers that week, further aiding soil moisture reserves, as did eastern Algeria and Tunisia. The heaviest rains were limited to the coast. Additionally, during the month of February average temperatures in northwest Africa were 1-3 degrees C above normal, increasing evaporative losses to already low soil moisture.

In early March, winter grains are in the vegetative stage across the region. Winter grains enter the heading or reproductive stage from mid-March into April. Rains did return to northern Morocco on March 7th and some areas in southern Morocco saw some badly needed showers as a low pressure system moved in from the west.

Eastern Europe: Persistent Drought Continues in South; North Faring Well

During January 2001, snow fell across parts of southeastern Europe, but amounts were well below normal, continuing the long-term drought which has now lasted an entire year. During the first week of February, some precipitation fell across the region, where the heaviest amounts were limited to the western Balkans. Romania and Bulgaria received no precipitation. Widely scattered and light precipitation crossed the region during the week of February 11 - 17, amounts were limited to less than 10 millimeters. From February 18 - 24, widely scattered light rain and snow fell across southeastern Europe. Portions of Serbia received 10 - 25 millimeters, while most other countries received 10 millimeters or less. The big boost in moisture finally occurred during the week of February 25 through March 3. Heavy rain (50 - 100 millimeters or more) fell across the western Balkans. Bulgaria and Romania's growing areas received 10 millimeters or more.

During the month of February, temperatures averaged 1-3 C above average in northeastern Europe, while in the south, temperatures were 3-5 C above average. Precipitation totals recorded in the Balkans were well below average for the winter months of December, January and February. Romania recorded just 40 percent of its normal precipitation, Bulgaria received 50 percent and Serbia only 77 percent. Given the persistent drought in the Balkans, soaking rain will be needed this spring to ensure adequate crop development. Meanwhile, countries in northeastern Europe averaged just slightly below their normals for precipitation, and appear to be in good shape for spring as to moisture reserves. A mild season minimized winterkill as temperatures bottomed out in the negative teens (Celsius) only twice during the season in Poland, and in a season of little snowfall, crops were fortunate to be protected with snow cover each time.

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